

ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a method for enhancing the immunogenicity of weakly immunogenic or non-immunogenic cells, resulting in a cellular vaccine that can stimulate T cell activation, which in turn leads to an effective immune response. The cellular vaccines of the present invention are useful for the prevention and treatment of diseases which develop and/or persist by escaping the immune response triggered by T cell activation. Such diseases include, for example, all cancers, natural and induced immune deficiency states, and diseases caused by infections with a variety of pathogens.